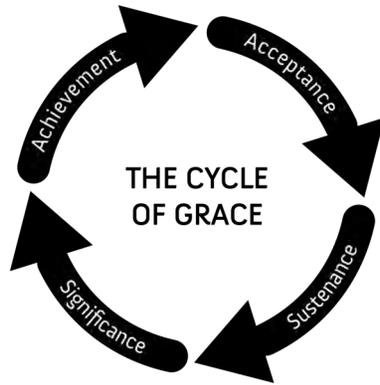


Embracing The Cycle Of Grace



● REST IN GOD'S ACCEPTING GRACE

"After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him. And a voice from Heaven said, This is My dearly loved Son, who brings Me great joy." **Matthew 3:16-17 NLT**

"...as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved..." **Colossians 3:12b ESV**

● PURSUE GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE

"Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray." **Mark 1:35 NLT**

ENGAGING IN THE MEANS OF SUSTAINING GRACE

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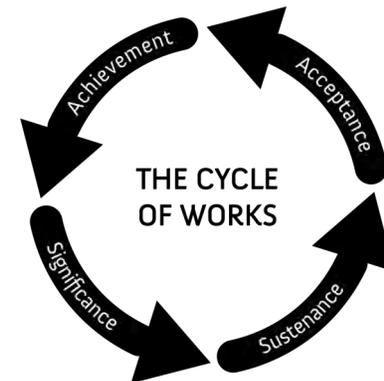
"See to it that no one fails to obtain (or misses out on) the grace of God..." **Hebrews 12:15a ESV**

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me, and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me — watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with Me, and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matthew 11:28-30 Message

"This is what the LORD says: 'Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, Godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls. But you reply, 'No, that's not the road we want!'" **Jeremiah 6:16 NLT**

Understanding The Cycle Of Works





This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to learn to live in God's cycle of grace.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: Have you ever been caught in a cycle or pattern that you had trouble getting out of? What was it, and what impact did it have on your life?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. On Sunday we learned about the cycle of works and the cycle of grace. How did the Holy Spirit speak to your heart? What is something you think is a key point from the message?
2. Read Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:7-9. Why do our own attempts to achieve salvation and favor with God fall short?
3. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus describes a life that is free from striving. What makes works-based religion so exhausting, and what makes Jesus' way easier?

4. God the Father affirms Jesus in Matthew 3:17. How do these verses affirm our position in Christ? John 1:12-13; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 3:1-2.
5. Do you ever struggle with feeling like you must perform in order to be accepted by God? If so, why do you think that is?

BLESS others:

Read Romans 15:5-7 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Why is it important that we extend the grace we have been given to one another? How does doing this set us free?

BUILD God's kingdom:

In Luke 15:1-7 we see a contrast between the religious who compete to be righteous, and the Savior who has compassion and grace toward lost sinners. Why do you think religious people tend to judge the lost? How can we overcome this practice and be more like Jesus?

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

What do you sense God inviting you to do in response to this study? What's a next step you can take?

PRAYER: What challenge are you facing this week? How can our group pray and support you?

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